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Remarks

Claims 21–24 remain pending in the application. In the Office Action dated Oct. 5, 2005, claim 24 was rejected as obvious over WO' 098 in view of EP 1 2090274 and DE 3333592. Claims 21–23 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the examiner's rejections under section 112, second paragraph.

Claim 21–23 have been amended in response to the specific objections identified by the examiner correcting typographical errors and indefinite language identified by the examiner, or otherwise.

Claim 24 has been amended for clarity and in response to the indefinite objections identified by the examiner. Claim 24 has also been amended to add that "the second inclined surface is arranged so as to define a gap between the lowermost edge of the first inclined surface and the second inclined surface". This limitation is supported by the specification in paragraph [0043] in combination with FIG. 3 of the drawings showing a gap, and a clearly evident, inherent necessity, that there be a gap between the first and second inclined surfaces in order for the coater of FIG. 3 to function so as to apply coating to a web. Claim 24 as amended is not suggested by WO' 098 in view of EP 1 2090274 and DE 3333592.

Applicant reserves the right to petition the Commissioner of Patents with respect to the restriction until after final action or allowance of claims to the invention elected.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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